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COUNTRY Rumania

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SUBJECT Analysis of Rumanian Slivowitz (Plum Brandy)

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1. The reported results of the tests conducted are as follows:

Proof	59.6
Methanol	.32%
Alkaloids	none
Other poisonous substances	none
Character	This beverage exhibits the character of a raw fruit distillate.
General	The sample appears to have been stored in wood as tests do not reveal the presence of caramel.

2. The conclusions drawn from the reported tests are as follows:

- a. The sample is low in proof by US standards for a fruit brandy, as such brandies are required to exhibit 82 proof according to USA minimum standards.
- b. The methanol content is high but not beyond the acceptable range for potable brandies according to US standards. The methanol content of various American brandies ranges from .01% to as high as .60%.

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